thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) No new decision has been taken.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Production and Demand of Aluminum

1238. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of aluminium in the country is far short of its demand;

(b) if so, the quantum of short-fall and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Closure of Rolling Mills in Bihar

1239. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the rolling mills lying closed in Bihar and since when;

(b) the reasons for their closure;

(c) the total investment made in those mills and the number of persons rendered unemployed due to their closure; and

(d) the steps being taken to restart these mills and the time by which these are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):(a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Linkage of Southern Rivers

1240. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI C. P. MUDALA GIRIYAPPA:
SHRI B. DEVARAJAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have conducted the feasibility study regarding the linkage of southern rivers such as Mahanadi, Godavari, Krishna and Caubery;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the project;

(c) whether any technical help has been sought from Israel in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any assistance from the World Bank is likely to be received for the project and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the World Bank has also conducted the feasibility study of the project; and

(f) whether the project is likely to resolve the Cauvery Water Dispute or any other water dispute and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES(SHRI C. VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) National Water Development Agency has completed pre-feasibility reports for seven water transfer links including Mahanadi (Manibhadra)- Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) Link, Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) Link and Godavari (Inchampalli)- Krishna (Pulichintala) Link.

(b) Estimated cost of all the links forming part of the proposed Mahanadi-Cauvery